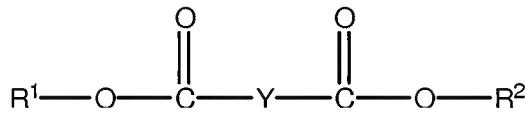


## Claims:

1. A treatment block formed from a solid block composition which includes: a surfactant constituent, a diester constituent, and one or more further optional constituents.
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2. A treatment block formed from a solid block composition which includes: a surfactant constituent, a diester constituent, a bleach constituent, and optionally one or more further constituents.
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3. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent a compound which may be represented by the following structure:



wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> can independently be C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl which may optionally substituted,  
 Y is (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>x</sub>, wherein x is 0-10, but is preferably 4-8, and while Y may be a linear  
 20 alkyl or phenyl moiety, desirably Y includes one or more oxygen atoms or is a  
 branched moiety.

4. A treatment block according to claim 3 wherein:  
 Y is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>x</sub>- wherein x has a value of from 1-4.
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5. A treatment block according to claim 3 wherein:  
 R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl groups.
6. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent  
 30 a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

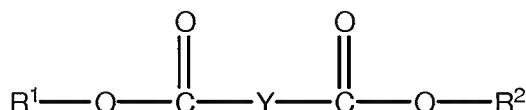


wherein:

- 5      R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> can independently be C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl which may optionally substituted,  
 Y represents a -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(SO<sub>3</sub>Na)- moiety.

7.     A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent  
 a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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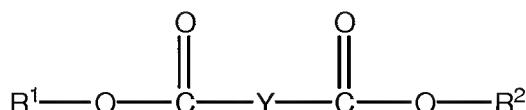


wherein:

- 15     R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> can independently be C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl which may optionally substituted,  
 Y represents a -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(HNCOCH<sub>3</sub>)- moiety.

8.     A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent  
 a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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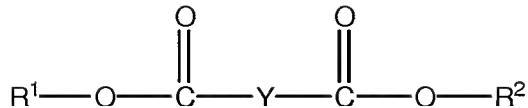


wherein:

- 25     R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> can independently be C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl which may optionally substituted,  
 Y represents a -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(NH<sub>2</sub>)- moiety.

9.     A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent  
 a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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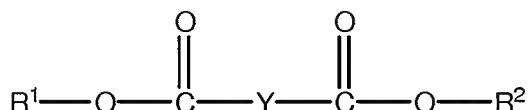


wherein:

- 5      R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> can independently be C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl which may optionally substituted,  
 Y represents a -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH(NH<sub>2</sub>)- moiety.

10. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent  
 a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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wherein:

- 15     R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> can independently be C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl which may optionally substituted,  
 Y represents a -C(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(O)- moiety.